## **REMARKS**

This is a response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2005. Please charge Deposit Account No.03-1231 for the \$100.00 government fee for an additional four (4) claims. Although applicant submits herewith six (6) additional claims, applicant had earlier canceled two (2) claims. Therefore, a government fee is due for the additional four (4) claims. No new matter is added by these claims due to the following correspondence between the new claims and the earlier submitted claims:

new claim 30 ..... original claim 17

new claim 31 ..... original claim 18

new claim 32 ..... original claim 20

new claim 33 ..... original claim 21

new claim 34 ..... original claim 26

new claim 35 ..... original claim 27

In the Office Action, on page 2, paragraphs 1-5, the patent examiner questions the use of certain language in the specification and in claim 5 (a rejection or an objection under 35 U.S.C. §112). This amendment corrected the misspelling in claim 5 and in the specification.

In the Office Action on pages 2 and 3, paragraphs 4-6, the patent examiner rejects claims 9, 10, 16 and 20-23 as being non-patentable in view of certain prior or pre-existing technology or art disclosed in the following references:

U.S. Patent No.4,203,392 to McLane

U.S. Patent No.6,394,042 to West

Even though the patent examiner rejected some of the patent claims, the examiner indicated that claims 1-8, 11-15, 17-19 and 24-27 are allowable and patentable. See page 3, paragraphs 7-8 of the Office Action.

In this amendment, applicant combined claims 9+10+11 into claim 9; combined claims 16+17 into claim 16 (at least a substantial portion of claim 17); and combined claims 16+19 into claim 19.

Allowance of claims 9, 12 - 27, and 30 - 35 is requested (claims 1 - 8 having been previously allowed).

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